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48 Male  
52 Female  
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1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	12/15/98	12/3-6/98	10/98+	9/98	7/98	6/98	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	High 10/98+	Low 6/93	
Approve.....	68	65	68	66	64	63	66	66	62	59	68	41	[138]
Disapprove.....	28	31	29	31	30	30	29	28	30	33	29	50	
Not sure.....	4	4	3	3	6	7	5	6	8	8	3	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters

2a. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives will be voting on the articles of impeachment against President Clinton and whether to send the matter to the U.S. Senate for trial. Do you favor or oppose the House of Representatives passing articles of impeachment and sending the matter to the Senate for trial?

	12/15/98	12/3-6/98	
Favor.....	43	36	[139]
Oppose.....	55	61	
Not sure.....	2	3	

2b. If the House of Representatives passes articles of impeachment and sends the matter to the U.S. Senate for trial, do you think that the Senate should or should not remove President Clinton from office?

Should remove the President from office.....	38	[140]
Should not remove the President from office.....	57	
Not sure.....	5	

3. Now that the House of Representatives hearings on impeachment are complete, would you prefer that the House **(A)** pass a resolution to censure the President, or **(B)** pass articles of impeachment and send the matter to the Senate for a trial?

A/pass a resolution to censure the President.....	49	<b>[141]</b>
B/Pass articles of impeachment/send to the Senate for a trial.....	42	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	3	

4. If the House of Representatives votes in favor of having an impeachment trial in the Senate, do you think that President Clinton should resign from office to avoid a Senate trial, or do you think that he should remain in office and take his case to the Senate?

Should resign.....	44	<b>[142]</b>
Should remain in office.....	51	
Not sure.....	5	

5. Do you think that President Clinton should or should not admit to lying under oath, in order to avoid impeachment?

Should admit to lying under oath.....	59	<b>[143]</b>
Should not admit to lying under oath.....	25	
Not sure.....	16	

6. Now I'm going to read you two statements, and I'd like you to tell me which one you agree with more. Statement A: An impeachment trial in the Senate would be good for the nation because President Clinton may have lied under oath and this is the best way to resolve the matter. Statement B: An impeachment trial in the Senate would be bad for the nation because President Clinton's actions do not meet the standard for impeachment and removal from office.

Statement A/Impeachment trial would be good for the nation.....	40	<b>[144]</b>
Statement B/Impeachment trial would be bad for the nation...	54	
Neither good nor bad (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

7. Do you think that the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton have been handled in a fair and impartial manner, or do you think that the impeachment proceedings have been handled in a partisan, political manner?

Fair and impartial.....	33	<b>[145]</b>
Partisan and political.....	57	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	5	

8. If the House of Representatives votes in favor of having an impeachment trial in the Senate, would you consider that to be sufficient punishment, or would you consider impeachment to be excessive punishment for any misdeeds that President Clinton has committed?

Impeachment would be sufficient punishment.....	46	[146]
Impeachment would be excessive punishment.....	48	
Impeachment would be insufficient punishment (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	4	

**FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.**

- F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group:

18-24.....	11	[147-148]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	8	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	8	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	20	[149]
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7	
Strictly independent.....	21	
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	11	
Strong Republican.....	14	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$20,000.....	12	[150]
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	15	
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000.....	22	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	21	
More than \$75,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	13	

- F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[151]
White.....	77	

Black.....	10
Asian.....	2
Other.....	3
Not sure/refused.....	2